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THINK PIECE

Every one who reads the Newsletter will have struggled with the problems of communication. The following paragraph from the Iran Diocesan News lifts up one aspect of the problem and makes a suggestion this is worth pondering. It was written by The Right Reverend H. B. Dehqani-Tafti, Bishop of Iran.

People are still very keen to hear, but they are not ready to listen to every voice. It is extremely difficult for a "giver" to listen carefully to a "receiver." And for too long America has been the giver. One American bishop several years ago told me, "How can I establish deep contact with such and such a bishop? The moment I see him he gives me a request list containing items such as tape recorders, radios, projectors and scholarships for his sons and cousins, etc.!" This of course is an exaggerated example, but the atmosphere is there. They have a lot of material things and a generous heart. Most other people have not got things and would very much like to possess things. When these two meet, spiritual depth disappears. I believe any servant of Christ who goes to America to tell Americans about Christ and His Church must, before going, take a kind of "Vow of Poverty," he must decide to be ready to see many things and to feel many generous people around, but must not ask and if possible must not desire to possess. This is asking too much of human nature, but it is the only way one can "give" to Americans what they really need and love to receive, and God will give us this spirit if we really ask Him. It is only when one is free from the spirit of wanting to possess that one will have a real freedom of spirit to say what is needed.

LATIN AMERICA

Church Relief Efforts in Honduras

The following paragraphs, slightly edited, are excerpted from a letter the Traugers wrote to their friends about recent church relief efforts in Honduras.

When we wrote previously of the destruction resulting from the short war between El Salvador and Honduras, we asked the question: What is the God of Jesus doing? Within a week after the outbreak of hostilities, $1,550, mainly from our World Service Divison of the UCBWM, had been given. This was used for blood donor equipment for the Honduran Red Cross; soap for Salvadorans in Honduran concentration camps; rice, beans and flour for displaced persons from the border towns; straw mats, tools and lamps. Church World Service also sent 34,560 vitamins, two tons of clothing, medicines and minor surgical kits which arrived by air and boat within a few days. Medical volunteers are standing by in case of a new emergency. Two thousand doses of the oral anti-polio and 300 anti-tetanus vaccines were also donated. And from the clinics of our own Medical Social Department, medicines were given to public and private groups to meet obvious needs and to prevent threatening public health problems. Other organizations cooperated in these relief efforts.

There were cruel happenings on both sides. Two Mennonite missionaries write with concern about the Salvadorans who had been living in Honduras (thousands of them illegally) before the conflict and who at its start had been put into concentration camps. Personal identitie were confused. On the other hand, displaced Hondurans coming back to Nueva Ocoteque, a border town, after the truce was declared, faced heavy losses. Truck loads of goods from every building in the city had been hauled across the border by Salvadorans before they returned the city to the OAS and Honduras. Not even an aspirin could be purchased in local stores. Food was most urgent.

Long range programs will help maintain dignity and self sufficiency. Our agricultural extension program in cooperation with that of the Friends will be another aid. We are grateful for the ministries of the church which respond quickly and adequately to human need. We have often heard and supported plans for sharing surpluses and for giving to world emergencies. Now we know these works are beautiful wonders for desperate and innocent peoples. Many share this gratefulness. There appears to be an open door to bring a witness of reconciliation among the nationals of opposing nations. Let us pray that we do not become blinded by hate and resentment and that a loving neighborhood may prevail.

In Christ,
Ken and Marilynn Trauger

NEAR EAST

Near East Personnel

Melvin Wittler, the Near East Field Secretary, in summarizing events of 1969 has this paragraph on Personnel:

Speed of transportation and communication has brought personnel changes. In place of the traditional year's furlough, short furloughs of three or six months are increasingly being used to provide better coverage of work with a minimum of interruption of program. Rapid communication has also brought an increasingly international staff this year. In addition to staff from the United States and Turkey, Australia, Jamaica, Holland and Germany, Denmark, and Great Britain are represented among our personnel. We expect that India and the Philippines will be added to the ranks next year.

With all but one school position filled by early June, we are able this year to look to a new school year with renewed vigor and confidence that there will be energy not only to meet the demands of changing times but to pioneer in tasks relevant to this day. Plans for a month's language study and orientation in Istanbul for all teachers before they begin their work should facilitate the strains and tensions of new personnel undertaking new tasks.

Mindolo Ecumenical Center Has Vital Role

The ecumenical lay training center at Kitwe, Zambia, stands in the midst of the "greatest chunk of black power in the world" and may be able to help provide guidelines for African nation building. This is the belief of Dr. Wilfrid Grenville-Grey, director of the center.

"Half of the center's $350,000 annual budget is now raised by Africans," Dr. Grenville-Grey recently told newsmen. "We very much need to have Western churches continue to raise the other half of the budget so that the center can continue as a catalyst for Christian participation in nation building."

The Mindolo center is one of the projects listed for support in the $10,000,000 ecumenical program for leadership development administered by the All Africa Conference of Churches. In 10 years, more than 500 wives and mothers have been trained in Christian leadership and homemaking. It is today being utilized by a leading banking firm in Zambia to train its clerks. Each year the Zambian Government has provided $20,000 towards the agricultural training program on Mindolo's 10,000-acre farm.

The center's director is encouraged by the staff-student ratio (30 staff for 150 students), but discouraged because only 40 women can be accepted out of at least 150 applicants for the six-months' training in Christian leadership and homemaking.

In the agricultural program the center trains young men in a three-year course in commercial farming. At the close, the government gives each a five-acre plot of land for garden farming.

Dr. Grenville-Grey noted that in ten years the center has grown from a few thatched roofed houses outside a large copper-mining plant to a modern educational center valued at nearly $1000,000.

Life at Mawuli

Little did we perceive - or dare to hope - when struggling to salvage our identity from disillusionment in December 1967, that we would within a year be climbing with vigor and determination up the hill of challenge at a Ghanaian secondary school named Mawuli, which in Ewe means, "God is here."

Mawuli Secondary School, an educational institution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ghana, and run by its own Board of Governors, is located on the edge of Ho, a market town and a regional administrative center of 10,000 population. The school has an enrollment of 718 students at sophmore college level. After completing Forms One to Five (five years' secondary school), students write a formal government examination - the General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level (G.C.E. O-Level) - for the equivalent of an American high school diploma. They can thus qualify for a two-year "sixth form" program to specialize in two or three subjects to attain "Advanced Level" (G.C.E. A-Level) and entrance to one of the three Ghanaian Government Universities located at Accra (Legon), Cape Coast and Kumasi.

Preparing these students for the rigorous G.C.E. examinations are 37 qualified teachers -- 29 Ghanaians and 8 expatriates. All departments are headed by Ghanaian nationals except French and Pure Science (physics, maths, chemistry). Less is the only expatriate in the English Department and the only missionary on the staff of the school. He is teaching English to 2nd and 4th year students, working with the Junior Red Cross, teaching a confirmation class, leading a weekly Bible study group, coaching the revived school basketball team and learning to wear a Ghanaian cloth.

Kay is station treasurer for missionary personnel at Ho, which is also administration center of the E.P. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester K.Weiner
Ho, Ghana

Africa Conference of Churches Holds Second Assembly

The second assembly of the All Africa Conference of Churches was held on September 1 at the University in the Ivory Coast capital, Abidjian.

More than 500 participants attended the ecumenical gathering, the theme of which was "With Christ at Work in Africa Today." The assembly was preceded by a consultation in which all the women delegated by their churches participated.

The All Africa Conference of Churches was founded at Kampala, Uganda, in 1963. The AACC is an autonomous organization with a fraternal relationship to the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Chester Marcus, UCBWM regional secretary for Africa, attended the session on the first lap of his visit to the Board's work in Africa. Several national representatives of the overseas churches with whom we work also attended.

Dr. Marcus plans to visit Ghana, Togo, Zambia, Malawi, Rhodesia and Tanzania. He is expected to return to the United States in early November.

A S I A

Rural Life Program in Orissa

The Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Schneider live in Bhawanipatna, Central India, but their work reaches out to villages 45 miles away. As manager of the church's rural life program in Orissa, Douglas and his Indian co-worker are developing agricultural extension work in the Kalahandi District. Here are some excerpts from his last report:

Food for Work Projects

We took on 31 projects through CASA (Christian Agency for Social Action), a committee of the National Christian Council of India. All food grains and used clothing came through Church World Service to CASA for our use. This is the first year that I stayed in the heat to oversee the work on the dams, tanks and roads. There were about 6,000 people at work. Thanks to our volunteer, Dr. Menon, we were able to undertake far more projects than otherwise possible. The final report is not completed, but it looks as if we shall complete 29 projects and will have used about 400 tons of U.S. wheat and 70,000 pounds of soybean oil. Dr. Menon returned to the U.S. to resume work at the University of Missouri.

Kitchen Garden Wells

We are happy at some of the "success" stories regarding the kitchen garden well project. About 120 wells have been completed and the money grant is spent so the project is finished. We can report that some farmers who own less than one acre of land are supporting their entire families on the cash sales from their gardens. In two cases farmers doubled their farm income in the first season and were able to leave the long line of underemployed.

Adult Literacy

Examinations for those adults who have studied for five months are going on. We have about 80 classes and the interest continues to grow.

Our two women's workers have been teaching women's adult literacy classes and also preparing for a new series of training camps for teen-age girls.

Khariar Farm

With the procurement of eight more acres of land the Khariar garden developed into a farm overnight. Additional Service Division funds have been promised to enable expansion along scientific lines. We have the first soybean crop known to be grown in the district.

Extension

Now that the monsoon is under way we are helping farmers to understand the new and improved practices in rice cultivation.

Mrs. Shedd Honored

At the Joint Committee Meetings of the Marathi Mission at Ahmednagar, India, August 1, 1969, the Rev. P. S. Bhonsle, chairman of the Marathi Mission, expressed the deep appreciation of the Mission for the services of Mrs. Gladys C. Shedd who completes her short term at the Vadala Mission as of December 1, 1969.

"At a time when many a person thinks of being a senior citizen," he said, "spending his days in a retirement center and passing his hours with a book or a stroll in a nearby park, Mrs. Shedd traveled 10,000 miles to share in the witness and outreach of the Christian church. Her marvelous spirit, her exceptional ability to adapt to strange and new situations, her calm meeting of the needs of more than one major crisis and emergency, her desire to see the good in every one, and above all her sincere interest in each person she meets have endeared her to us all and to Vadala in particular."

Leyte Farmers Aided by Land Redemption Program

A land redemption to free tenant-farmers from the grip of creditors has been started in barrio Magatas, St. Bernard, Southern Leyte, Philippines through a loan from Church World Service, Philippines.

Indebtedness and usurious interest rates have forced these farmers to mortgage their lands to moneylenders. Farmer-tenants are hard put to pay off their debts since half of their produce go to landowners and income from the remaining half does not suffice for their families' needs. Furthermore landowners who supply capital can dictate very low prices.

Channeled through the divison of social concerns of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, the program has been initiated and is managed by the Rev. Jose Ibalarrosa, pastor of the Magatas UCCP and organizer of the Magatas Farmers' Association which directly administers the program.

Nearly two-thirds of the loan had gone to purchase the land occupied by 17 farmers to be leased to them by the UCCP, subject to repurchase over a period of 1-13 years. Documents of the deed of sale are now deposited with the municipal treasurer. It is hoped that with good rice culture and other optimum conditions, harvest will be doubled and payments can be completed sooner.

Redemption of the land of the remaining 39 members of the association will be made as payments come in. A total of 144 hectares, owned by the initial 56 members, will be redeemed. Since membership is open to other farmers, it is hoped that the continuing fund will also be made available to them. Part of the Church World Service loan has gone to operational needs of the farmers such as fertilizer and chemicals.

Mr. Ibalarrosa and an agriculturist supervise the leases in farm management. Technical assistance is provided by Paul Walther, an agricultural missionary of UCBWM assigned to Tacloban, who had six months' training at the International Rice Research Institute. One week each month for six months Mr. Walther will assist in the supervision of rice culture.

Southeast Asian Studies Program

Dr. Peter G.Gowing, director of the Southeast Asian Studies Program at Silliman University, the Philippines, described this program in a recent letter.

The major portion of my work this year has been spent in teaching and in the activities of the Southeast Asian Studies Program. I have taught three new courses and this, naturally, required extensive lecture preparation. But even the "old" courses obliged me to spend considerable time in up-dating lecture material. The eight courses I offer each year are divided equally between the Dívinity School and the Department of Social Sciences.

The Southeast Asia Studies Program is now a year old - and we all feel that its first year has been quite successful. A total of 11 students enrolled as candidates for the Certificate in

Southeast Asian studies and four certificates were awarded at Commencement. Two students in the Program have been admitted to graduate work in Southeast Asian studies for next year - one at Syracuse University (U.S.A.) and the other at Monash University (Australia).

Under the auspices of the Program a number of distinguished speakers were brought to Silliman for lectures - including Professor Tom Harrison of Cornell, internationally known traveller, archaeologist and anthropologist who for twenty years was curator of the Sarawak Museum in Kuching and editor of its journal. The Program also had charge of the 13th Annual Southeast Asia Week which was held at the end of February. It was a great success and featured speakers, films, a"cultural" evening, etc.

An exciting development for the Program is the establishment of an Annual Visiting Southeast Asian Professorship which will bring a distinguished Southeast Asian scholar and his family to the campus each year.

Moderator of Japan's Kyodan Dies The Rev. Masahisa Suzuki, 57, moderator of the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan), died in Tokyo on July 14 after a short illness.

Mr. Suzuki was elected moderator at the 1966 General Assembly and re-elected to a second term in 1968. During his administration, the Kyodan made great headway towards achieving self-reliance as a church and advancing into all levels of Japanese society.

He attended the 450th anniversay celebration of the Reformation in Germany in 1967 and in March 1968 visited the United States and Canada for consultation with church leaders.

U N I T E D S T A T E S

Annual Meeting in Allentown, Pa. The 160th meeting of the UCBWM is being held in Allentown, Pa. November 9-12. It opens with a World Missions Rally in the Muhlenberg College Field House. Dr. Robert V. Moss, Jr., UCC president-elect, will speak and a choir of 500 from the Penn Northeast churches will sing.

The agenda of the meeting emphasizes planning for the 70's. Corporate members, directors, missionaries and staff will study issues such as hunger, population, the future role of the missionary and the relationship of the Board with U.S. youth culture.

As it has done in the past, the Board has invited students from UCC-related colleges to sit in on the sessions -- "to get a reflection of student view."

And Now Camille! As reported by television and the newspapers, Hurricane Camille struck the gulf coast areas in Mississippi in August.

As soon as word reached the UCBWM, the Rev. B. Kenneth Anthony of the Service Division phoned Mr. Carl Burkle Conference Minister of the South Central Conference, expressing the sympathy of the UCC and saying that a check for $2,000 was on its way as a starter. Funds to help continue to flow in through the Conference Office or the Division of World Service of the Board.

Ten tons of relief materials were sent within hours from churches in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference; trailer truckloads were gathered and dispatched to Biloxi from churches throughout the south and central states.

Church World Service delivered truckloads of supplies to Gulfport and other areas where families were left homeless. Staff members of the NCC's Division of Christian Life and Mission in Greenville, Miss. recruited volunteer doctors and nurses who were flown in CWS-chartered planes to the devastated areas.

The following is a letter received by the Board from the Back Bay Mission of the United Church of Christ in Biloxi thanking the Board for its gift to aid the people of Biloxi in their recovery from the devastation.

"The trauma to people's emotions and the destruction to property is beyond belief. Houses completely disappearing, people clinging to trees in 150 mph wind in 15 feet of water where it is normally dry land, houses floated off their foundations and deposited in the middle of streets and on the tops of cars, eight-foot pine trees twisted off their roots, hundred-year old oaks uprooted, 17,000 homes destroyed or severely damaged -- this gives you some small picture of the task that lies ahead of us here at Back Bay Mission as we attempt to rehabilitate our people both spritually and physically. Once again, thank you for your contribution which at this time is so greatly needed and which is always appreciated." (Cont.p.9)

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Responding to a World Council of Churches' appeal for relief for the victims of Hurricane Camille the National Christian Council of Japan's Department of Service sent a donation of $1,000 on behalf of the Japanese churches.

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Ursinus Meeting — The annual UCBWM Overseas Personnel Conference was held August 24-27 on the campus of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa. Approximately 75 overseas and home staff members were present, along with staff from the Stewardship Council, the Office of Communication, certain invited guests and about 15 children.

The conference was designed for fellowship, for interpreting the national scene (especially social and political) and the status of the United Church of Christ to the overseas staff, for informing the home staff, and for sharing problems and items of progress from the various fields overseas.

Dr. Clarence Jordan, of Koinomia Farm, Americus, Georgia was the morning Bible study leader. Dr. Martin Bailey, editor of the United Church Herald, interpreted the national scene. The conference was especially fortunate to hear Dr. Robert Moss, president-elect, speak on the state of the UCC. Dr. Alford Carleton, UCBWM's Executive Vice President, spoke several times and was in charge of an impressive communion service at the final session. Various home and overseas staff members - too numerous to mention their names - participated in the program.

New Associate Regional Secretary — The Rev. Lawrence W. Henderson, missionary of the Board in Angola since 1947, has recently assumed the post of associate regional secretary for Africa. His special responsibilities will include the scholarship program, missionary travel and new personnel.

Walter Tong Retires — The Rev. Walter C. Tong retired this summer as director of the transportation and purchasing department of the treasury division of the UCBWM, having been elected to this position January 1, 1965, and after having served in the service division of the Board as secretary for material aids, and previously as associate director of the Congregational Christian Service Committee beginning in 1958.

Walter and Margaret Tong were first appointed under the American Board in 1931 to the Philippines for general evangelistic work. The attack on Pearl Harbor found Mrs. Tong and their three children on the island of Luzon where they were interned. Mr. Tong was interned many miles away at their home in Davao on Mindinao. They were not reunited until two years later.

From 1948 through August 1956, Mr. Tong was candidate secretary of the American Board. He served as director of the Church World Service program of relief in Taipe, Taiwan (Formosa) from 1956 to 1958. While in Taiwan Mr. Tong was also executive secretary of the Coordinating Council of Voluntary Relief Agencies.

The Tongs have given many years of devoted and skillful service to the

overseas ministries of the Church. They will be missed by the staff here at home base, as well as by their multitude of colleagues and friends overseas. We all wish them Godspeed and good health through the years to come.

The Tongs were honored at a luncheon in the Board's offices at "475." They have established a new home at RFD #2, Hillsboro, New Hampshire 03244.

UCBWM Warehouse Closes

With the retirement of the Rev. Walter C. Tong and the retirement next year of the warehouse's foreman, Mr. Oscar Weller, together with the withdrawal of Church World Service from participation in the use of the warehouse, it had been deemed advisable to review the feasibility of maintaining by the Board of its own warehouse or contracting the warehouse business outside.

After careful study it was decided to contract the business outside. Therefore, all outgoing baggage will leave from the Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland, or from W. R. Keating, New York.

Homecoming baggage will now be handled by W. R. Keating. All baggage shipments must have a complete forwarding address. Under no circumstance can a baggage shipment be accepted which includes goods belonging to others. Each shipment must be a single shipment.

Custom forms must be filled out upon arrival in the United States in order to release shipments, otherwise all baggage will automatically be put into government storage warehouses, which is very expensive.

Mrs. Braun Honored

On September 19 the UCBWM honored Mrs. Julius K. Braun, executive assistant for world service of the Board, for 25 years of service in helping victims of disaster in all parts of the world.

Mrs. Braun who began relief work with war refugees in February 1944, will retire December 31. Working from the offices of the Board in St. Louis, Mrs. Braun has helped raise more than $12,000,000 in relief funds and has overseen the allocation of grants to areas where disasters have occurred, in the United States as well as abroad.

"Meeting the needs of people made homeless and helpless by earthquakes, tornados, fires and war is always harrowing work - never routine," Mrs. Braun told 200 representatives of the United Church at a dinner in her honor at Hope United Church of Christ. Her most significant achievements, she said "were the opportunities I had to help children get an education and the part I took in developing self-help projects for people who were struck by disasters."

The Rev. Reginald H. Helfferich, general secretary for world service under the Board, hailed Mrs. Braun as "one of the foremost evangelists of our time" in the main address at the dinner in her honor.

Hawaii Mission Sesquicentennial Convocation

A special Sesquicentennial Convocation was held September 28, 1969 in Hawaii in commemoration of the ordination to the Christian ministry of Hiram Bingham and Asa Thurston before departing on the THADDEUS from Long Wharf, Boston for the Sandwich Islands - the first missionary ship to Hawaii. Dr. Alford Carleton reprsented the UCBWM. He was one of the speakers at the Convocation and participated in the investure of Dr. Chester Terpstra as general secretary and conference minister of the Hawaii Conference.

On the same day, September 28, in the Church of Christ in Goshen, Conn. a celebration was held in honor of the Revs. Bingham and Thurston who had been ordained there 150 years ago. The Rev. B. Kenneth Anthony represented the Board and took part in the services. Many other exciting events are planned for the Sesquicentennial, 1969-1970.

Death of Dr. Dunstan Dr. J. Leslie Dunstan, a friend of the UCBWM for many years, died suddenly at his summer home near Brownsville, Maine on July 20. At the time of his death he was professor of missions at Andover Newton Theological School. He had previously served more than twenty years in Hawaii, as secretary of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association, as professor of religion at the University of Hawaii and as assistant pastor of Central Union Church, Honolulu. During a sabbatical some four years ago he was a visiting professor at United Theological College, Bangalore, India. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

55th Wedding Anniversary The Rev. and Mrs. (Agnes) Roderick Scott celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on August 13, 1969 in the Abernethy dining room at Pilgrim Place, Calif. The Scotts served in China for 35 years.

H O N O R S

The Rev. William T. Baur of Augusta, Missouri, a missionary to Central India for 41 years, was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree on June 6, 1969 by Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri.

The Rev. Karl H. Beck of West Covina, California, a missionary to Central China for 36 years, was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree on May 25, 1969 by Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio.

Two Former Missionaries Honored The Rev. Dr. Paul T. Lauby, former vice president of Silliman University, Dumaguete City, the Philippines, and now executive secretary of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, with offices in the Interchurch Center, New York received two high honors for his service in the Philippines.

The Province of Negros Oriental has made Dr. Lauby "a son of the province" with "all rights and privileges accorded to all natural born citizens in this city and province." Only two other Americans have been so honored.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Dumaguete presented a certificate "to a very good friend of the diocese" in recognition of Dr. Lauby's 16 years of "leadership in the education of Philippine youth and in appreciation of his dedicated efforts to further and strengthen ecumenical relations."

The Rev. Dr. Merle R. Jordan, for three years assistant professor of pastoral counseling at the Divinity School, Silliman University, also received a similar certificate "in recognition of his ministry as professor of pastoral psychology of the University; whose compassionate and dedicated service to our people is a model of true Christian witness." Dr. Jordan is now on the faculty of the Boston School of Theology.

Heads Heifer Project Mr. Stanley Wilke, formerly with the UCBWM Division of Publication, has been named executive director of Heifer Project, Inc. Mr. Wilke served the Evangelical and Reformed Church as director of missionary education. With the formation of the United Church of Christ he became director of sales and distribution of the Publication division.

Highlight of the 25th anniversary celebration of Heifer Project at the Goshen, Indiana Fairgrounds was the presentation of two pedigreed bulls to the Government of India by the Rev. Theodore Van Dyke of the service division, representing 90 heifers and bulls slated for India.

Continued from page 7. CWS also answered appeals from Virginia. Blanket, clothing and water purification supplies were delivered to the affected area.

Ethel Case Retires

Ethel Case has had editorial Control of the Missionary Herald Newsletter from its beginning in its present form. She has had the right to cut out from its pages anything she has felt it wrong to print. Her modesty cannot, however, prevent her printing this tribute to her great skill, her extraordinary care and patience as an editor, and her devotion to the readers of this Missionary Herald Newsletter. This is, unfortunately, the last number she will edit before her retirement.

Mrs. Case has a record of 18 years with the Missions Council (the CC antecedent of the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ) and with the United Church Board for World Ministries.

In September 1951 she joined the Missions Council as assistant to Miss Ione Catton, Research and Resource Secretary; in 1953 she became assistant to the Rev. Armstrong Hunter specializing in research and preparation of literature on the Board for Homeland Missions.

After the Rev. Armstrong Hunter left the Missions Council in 1956, she was appointed Research Secretary in New York. In addition to her position as Research Secretary, she became Secretary for Distribution of Literature in 1958. Then in 1961 she became Editorial Consultant for the UCBWM, working first under Dr. David Stowe, then Rev. B. Kenneth Anthony and Rev. Robbins Strong, and finally under Dr. Herbert Van Meter. She has worked in these years on the Annual Report, Calendar of Prayer in addition to her responsibility as editor of the Missionary Herald.

On the side, she has been one of the most successful among several women on the staff talented in the art of growing flowers and seeing them flourish in the seasonless heat of an air-conditioned office building.

Even more important, all of us, her colleagues, have also flourished under the warmth of her smile, her cheery greetings and the warm personal friendship of Ethel Case. We will miss her - and even more than she'll miss her flowers and her friends on the 16th floor - not to mention all the readers of the Missionary Herald Newsletter around the world. The faithful and affectionate best wishes of us all go with Ethel Case.

Alford Carleton

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Thank you Dr. Carleton! I shall miss all my colleagues and friends. If the Missionary Herald Newsletter has been of interest to the readers, its success has been made possible by the help given by my co-workers, especially by Miss Ruhama Yeranian, editor of the Chronicle for her painstaking accurate reporting and by Mr. Evan Davis for his excellent printing and his careful color selection. Good bye and God bless you all.

Ethel Case

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ARRIVALS FROM THE FIELD
1969

ANGOLA

Miss Margaret L. V. Neumann of Dondi, for furlough on October 11. Miss Neumann originally went to Angola as a teacher for missionary children, but as families with children were refused re-entrance into Angola, she has assisted in the work of the Sara Hurd Scott Memorial Hospital.

GHANA

Miss Esther M. Reimold of Teachers Training College in Bimbilla, on July 25, for her two-month leave; she returned to Ghana on September 22.

INDIA

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross Thomas of Bombay, members of the Marathi Mission since 1928, on September 3, for furlough with a view to retirement. Co-founder and co-manager of the Inter-Mission Business Office in Bombay, Mr. Thomas served for many years as treasurer of the Madura, Marathi and Ceylon Missions and carried other institutional treasurerships. Margaret Thomas, a mission hostess at one of the busiest intersections of the world, assisted at the Dadar School for the Blind, at the Inter-Mission Business Office as associate treasurer, served as mission statistician and adviser for the Crafts Sales Center. Missionaries-at-large since 1962 in India (Western, Central, South) and Ceylon, the Thomases have maintained a liaison relationship between the Board and the work in these areas.

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Whitcomb of Bisrampur, agricultural missionaries currently engaged in water resources development, on July 9, for furlough with three of their four children.

JAPAN

Mr. David W. Wright of North Japan University, Sendai, in late July, where he taught English at the junior high level and literature courses at the college.

MICRONESIA

Miss Marlene J. Campbell, a teacher of home economics for two years at the Mizpah High School on Moen, Truk, in the Eastern Carolines, in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Alwin T. Stewart of Moen, Truk, Eastern Carolines, on August 13, following a year's service at the Mizpah High School, Mr. Stewart as principal of the school.

RHODESIA

Mrs. Isabel M. Rudolph, R. N., of Mt. Silinda, on September 11, on the completion of a regular term in medical and surgical nursing at the Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital.

TURKEY

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Behr of Izmir, Mr. Behr on August 1, Mrs. Behr and their two young sons on July 11. The Behrs were at the American Collegiate Institute for three years, Mr. Behr as a teacher of mathematics.

Mrs. J. Kingsley Birge of Uskudar, Istanbul, on August 26, for furlough with a view to retirement. Ruby Phillips Birge began her long association with the Board in 1923 as a short-term teacher in the Marathi Mission in Western India. Following a year as candidate secretary for women in Boston, she joined the Near East Mission in 1927 as the wife of the late Dr. Birge, a teacher, writer and scholar. In addition to assisting Dr. Birge in the Mission's publication work, she taught English at the American Academy for Girls in Uskudar, on a full-time basis since his death, was dean of the junior high section for over ten years, and acting vice principal on occasion.

ARRIVALS FROM THE FIELD (Cont'd)

Miss Virginia G. Canfield, Ph.D., of Uskudar, Istanbul, chairman of the English department at the American Academy for Girls and acting vice principal in 1968-69, for furlough on August 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Pursell Graham of Uskudar, Istanbul, on August 26, on the completion of a Short Term at the American Academy for Girls, Mr. Graham as treasurer of the school and of Redhouse Press, Mrs. Graham as a teacher of English.

Miss Janell M. Haynes of Izmir, on August 5, on the completion of a Short Term at the American Collegiate Institute as a teacher of physical education and science.

Mrs. Fanny T. Pemberton of Uskudar, Istanbul, on October 4, on the completion of a Short Term as administrative assistant to the principal of the American Academy for Girls.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Scott of the American Academy for Girls, Uskudar, Istanbul, for furlough on August 22. Mr. Scott is a teacher of science and math, Gwen Scott, a teacher of English.

Miss Sandra M. Sterns of Izmir, on July 31, on the completion of a Short Term as a teacher of physical education at the American Collegiate Institute.

Miss Sandra M. Whiteley of Izmir, on August 8, after two years at the American Collegiate Institute as a teacher of social service. She taught anthropology also her second year.

DEPARTURES FOR THE FIELD
1969

ARGENTINA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Fogal of Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania, and their son Mark Andrew, in early July, recognized as being in Associated Service with the UCBWM while serving under the United Methodist Church in Buenos Aires, Mr. Fogal as a teacher of music at Facultad Evangélica de Teologia (Union Seminary).

JAPAN

The Rev. Richard L. Lammers, on August 19, Mrs.Lammers and three of their four children on August 14, returning from furlough to Morioka as directors of the Morioka Christian Education Center. For ten years the Lammers were associated with the Kitami Christian Center in Hokkaido.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Morse of Milton, Massachusetts, and of the faculties of Northeastern and Boston Universities respectively, in mid-August, contributing their services for a period of ten months as professors of English at Kobe College, Nishinomi

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie C. Sackett, formerly of Palmore Institute, Kobe, on September 7, returning from furlough to Kyoto for a period of language study before assignment. Mr. Sackett completed the requirements for an M.A. in teaching English as a foreign language at Teachers College, Columbia University, and will receive the degree in December.

Mr. Robert G. Stieber of Valencia, California, and of the Pacific School of Religior on August 28; he is the Seminary Intern Abroad for 1969-70, assigned to the Yokosuka Christian Community Center at Kanagawa.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Philip E. Williams of North Japan University, Sendai, and two of their three children, on August 18, returning from furlough for temporary residence in Tokyo, where Mrs. Williams will concentrate on language study. Dr.

Williams, visiting professor at Ursinus College in Collegeville during the 1968-69 academic year, will divide his teaching between North Japan University and Obirin College in Tokyo.

MICRONESIA

The Rev. and Mrs. George W. Kelsey, Jr., of Plainville, Connecticut, and their three children, on August 16, contributing their services for one year at the Mizpah High School on Moen, Truk, in the Eastern Carolines, as teachers of religious subjects and science respectively.

NEW ZEALAND

The Rev. R. Wilbur Simmons of Billings, Montana, superintendent and registrar of the Montana Conference of the UCC, and Mrs. Simmons, about August 1, recognized as being in Associated Service with the UCBWM while he serves at the Community Presbyterian Church in Te Kauwhata.

PHILIPPINES

Mr. and Mrs. Dick V. Fagan, in early August, returning from furlough to Manila where Mr. Fagan directs the Rural Life Program of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and the National Rural Life Center on the Union Seminary campus, with Mrs. Fagan as treasurer of the Center.

Dr. and Mrs. Tjaard G. Hommes of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on July 10, contributing their services for a year, Dr. Hommes as a lecturer at the Divinity School of Silliman University in Dumaguete City.

TOGO

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Winter and their three daughters, on August 29, returning from a five-month furlough to continue their rural community development work at Konyowu, near Atakpamé.

TURKEY

Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Avery, Jr., and their two youngest children, on August 7, returning from furlough to Istanbul where Mr. Avery is senior editor of Redhouse Press.

Dr. and Mrs. Donovan A. Johnson of St. Paul, Minnesota, in mid-July, contributing their services during the first semester at the American Academy for Girls in Uskudar, Istanbul, Dr. Johnson as a specialist in mathematics and teacher training.

Miss Martha Millett, on August 30, returning from furlough to the American Academy for Girls in Uskudar, Istanbul, where she is the vice principal.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Frank A. Stone and their four children, on September 17, returning to Ankara from furlough study and leave to be associated with the School of Education of Hacettepe University. Mr. Stone received his doctorate in education from Boston University in 1968, and during the 1968-69 academic year taught at the School of Education, University of Connecticut in Storrs.

DEPARTURE OF NEW APPOINTEES
1969

JAPAN

Mr. David F. Hand of Belmont, Michigan, on September 2, for Short Term service, and assigned to the United Church of Christ in Japan as a teacher of English following language study in Tokyo.

MICRONESIA

Miss Lena Mae Anlauf of Dallas, Texas, on August 16, for Short Term service as a teacher of home economics at Mizpah High School on Moen, Truk, in the Eastern Carolines.

Mr. Robert T. Fincke, an officer of the United States Air Force for twenty-eight years, Mrs. Fincke and Roberta Ann, their youngest child, on August 5, for Short Term service, Mr. Fincke as principal of Mizpah High School on Moen, Truk, in the Eastern Carolines.

PHILIPPINES

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hutchison of Daytona Beach, Florida, and their two children, on July 20, for Regular Term service, Mr. Hutchison as director of the School of Business Administration of Silliman University in Dumaguete City.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard W. Raycroft of La Mesa, California, on July 10 and mid-September respectively, for Short Term service, Mr. Raycroft as hospital administrator at the Brokenshire Memorial Hospital in Davao City in Southern Mindanao.

PUERTO RICO

The Rev. and Mrs. H. Allan Oliver of Denver (and Geneva), on July 11, for Short Term service, seconded to the World Student Christian Federation for work in communication in Latin America, stationed in San Juan, but contemplating a move in mid-December to Lima, Peru.

RHODESIA

Mr. John A. Bander of Bountiful, Utah, on August 18, for Short Term service as a teacher of science at Mt. Silinda Institute.

The Rev. and Mrs. Edgar E. Luther of Kalamazoo, Michigan, on September 6, for Regular Term service in general church work, following language study in Salisbury.

TURKEY Most in this group flew to Turkey between July 26 and August 2 for a month of orientation and language study in Istanbul and Uskudar. They will be located as follows:

City of Istanbul

Mr. Robert Arndt of Hanover, New Hampshire, on August 29, for Short Term service as production coordinator for the Redhouse Press.

American Academy for Girls, Uskudar, Istanbul

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Kroeker of Seattle, Washington, and their son Mark Richard, for Short Term service, Mr. Kroeker as a teacher of mathematics, Lois Kroeker as a teacher of English.

American Collegiate Institute, Izmir

Miss Marian M. Cast of Beaver Crossing, Nebraska, for Short Term service as a teacher of home economics.

Miss Cynthia R. Cuthbertson of Birch Run, Michigan, for Short Term service as a teacher of English.

Miss Dianne E. Grace of Port Orchard, Washington, for Short Term service as a teacher of physical education.

Mrs. James P. Kirk of Long Beach, California, on July 21, for Short Term service as a teacher of English. Mr. Kirk, formerly of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, is accompanying her and is volunteering his services at the school.

Miss Leslie Schriber of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for Short Term service as a teacher of English.

Miss Cheryl J. Shark of Burlington, Iowa, for Short Term service as a teacher of home economics.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Sullivan of Elyria, Ohio, and their two children, for Regular Term service, Mr. Sullivan as a teacher of general science.

Tarsus American College, Tarsus

Mr. James P. Boal of Denver, Colorado, for Short Term service as a teacher of biology.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Hornish of Wauseon, Ohio, but more recently of Palm Beach, Florida, and their two children, for Regular Term service, Mr. Hornish as a teacher of general science.

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Smit of Iowa City, Iowa, for Short Term service, Mr. Smit as a teacher of English, Ann Smit as a teacher of missionary children on the campus.

BIRTHS

To the Rev. and Mrs. David A. Buchan of Chikore, Rhodesia, a daughter, Laura Kim, on July 13, 1969.

To the Rev. and Mrs. H. Allan Oliver of Puerto Rico, a son, Sam McDonell, on August 28, 1969 at the Auxilio Mutuo Hospital in San Juan.

MARRIAGES

On June 13, 1969 at the Mizpah High School on Moen, Truk, in the Eastern Caroline Islands, Monika Carroll of Nukuoro, Micronesia, and Thomas J. Chilton of the Mizpah staff since 1966. The Rev. Stephen C. Evans, a colleague and chaplain at Mizpah, officiated. Son of Dr. and Mrs. Forrest S. Chilton of Pompton Plains, New Jersey, the Tom Chiltons visited his parents during the summer and returned around September 1 to Truk where Tom is now a contract teacher at Mizpah.

A grandfather flies from California to Japan to officiate at a granddaughter's wedding! On August 1, 1969 the Rev. Dr. Rowland Cross of Claremont, formerly of North China, performed the wedding ceremony for Ann Christine Cross and Radcliffe Guest Edmonds, Jr., at Amherst House in Kyoto, Japan. She is the daughter of Charles Tenney Cross, a foreign service officer and ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, and Mrs. Cross. The young couple are graduates of Carleton College and are now teaching English at Doshisha schools in Kyoto. Mr. Edmonds, Sr., is vice-president of a chemical company in Tokyo.

On August 7, 1969 in Herrick Chapel at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, Florine Jeanine Hazel, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. William Hazel, and Vivian F. Hazel of Ho, Ghana, and Jerome Lindley Daugherty, son of Dr. William L. Daugherty. One of the officiating clergymen was the Rev. Dr. Judson Fiebiger, minister of the Iowa Conference of the UCC. Two members of the wedding party came from Ghana for the occasion, the bride's mother and sister, Vivian Era Hazel, a teacher in Ghana under the Peace Corps. The bride and groom are now attending Olney Central College in Illinois but will transfer to Southern Illinois University next quarter.

On August 9, 1969 at Christ Methodist Church in Staten Island, New York, Margaret Rose Heineman, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Heineman of Madurai City, South India, now on furlough, and John M. Cihocki, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Cihocki of Del Haven, New Jersey. The couple are "at home" at St. Bernard's School in Gladstone, New Jersey.

On August 16, 1969 at the First Presbyterian Church in Pensacola, Florida, Catherine Elizabeth Whitcomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Whitcomb of Bisrampur, Central

India, now on furlough, and Reginald Hahn, son of Mr. Dennis Hahn of Spokane, Washington Her uncle, the Reverend Thomas Whitcomb of Austin, Texas, was one of the officiating ministers. Reg is teaching at the Pensacola junior high; Cathy is taking her senior year at West Florida University.

On August 19, 1969 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Decorah, Iowa, Gail Smith Fairfield of Cresskill, New Jersey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Fairfield, and John Sundby Hoslett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hoslett of Decorah, formerly missionaries of the American Lutheran Church in Japan. The bride's three sisters were her bridesmaids. Until 1968 Mr. Fairfield was field treasurer of the Interboard Committee for Christian Work in Japan, Tokyo, and is now assistant treasurer of the UCBWM. Gail and John Hoslett attended school together in Japan and are continuing their studies at Luther College in Decorah.

DEATHS

Dr. Alan Boardman Taylor of Durban, a Christian statesman and a distinguished medical missionary of the Board in South Africa for forty-four years (1921-1965), died of a heart attack on July 11, 1969 in El Paso, Texas, at the age of 76. Residents of Durban in active service and in retirement, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor had come to the States a few weeks earlier to visit family and friends.

Son and grandson of physicians, Alan Taylor was born on March 16, 1893 at Mooers, New York, a small town on the New York-Canada border. He held B.A. (1915) and M.D. (1918) degrees from the University of Vermont, and in 1949 was the recipient of an honorary L.H.D. from his Alma Mater. He not only interned at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, but in 1918 married one of its graduate nurses, Mary Isabel Byers of Cobden, Ontario. He studied in Scotland to secure British qualifications for practice in South Africa enroute to the field in 1921, and again in 1928-29, becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS), Edinburgh. In 1957 it was the University of Natal that awarded him an honorary Ph.D. degree in recognition of his outstanding service to the cause of medical education for non-whites.

On arrival in Durban in June of 1921, Dr. Taylor became superintendent of the McCord Zulu Hospital, named for its founder, the late Dr. James B. McCord, and held this post until his retirement. A primary objective was to help in the establishment of a medical school for African youth. When early attempts in this effort failed, he threw himself with unswerving enthusiasm and singleminded purpose into the development of the hospital in every department of its work toward its present place of influence and usefulness. From a 20-bed hospital in 1921 it expanded to one accommodating over 300. Under his leadership McCord became one of the most significant institutions in the Natal province. In step with this development was the growth of two training schools -- one for general nurses, and one for midwives, the first of its kind in the province. Later it was also recognized as a training center for internes and medical students. In addition to his dedication to scientific medicine, Dr. Taylor felt a deep concern for the religious and spiritual life of McCord Hospital. Here the nurses and doctors came under the influence of a vital Christian faith which did much to cement the staff together as a family.

His dream for the establishment of a Medical School for non-Europeans was fulfilled thirty years later in connection with the University of Natal in Durban. He served as its first dean (1951-52) and as a faculty board member after that. Non-white doctors, registered nurses and midwives are now going out from its schools in increasing numbers. The Taylors joined the South Africa Mission at the beginning of a long, historic period of its life, and together contributed much to it professionally, and in personal commit-

ment and leadership. Dr. Taylor was chairman of the Mission from 1940-56, and gave generously of his time to the concerns of the Bantu Congregational Church.

The honors and awards he received are too numerous to mention; among them, the Queen's Coronation Medal in 1953. He was elected to the presidency of the Local Branch Council of the South Africa Medical Association, and named president of the S.A.M.A. itself with its 8,000 doctors, a unique honor for an alien. The Durban City Council recognized him for his contribution to the welfare of the city and for his leadership in the field of medical education. He was the government nominee on the Governing Council of the Durban Technical College for 15 years. Mary Taylor worked side by side with her husband in and out of McCord Hospital and participated in the many social and civic responsibilities of the Durban community.

A man of boundless energy, keen sense of humor and deep consecration, Dr. Taylor was greatly loved and respected by all who came under his influence.

Miss M. Alice Towne of Newburyport, Massachusetts, and for many years of New York City, in educational service under the Board in the Philippines from 1929-1935, died on July 14, 1969 in Newburyport, her family residence.

Born on February 2, 1901 in Newburyport, Alice Towne attended the Bridgewater Normal School (1918-21), the Hyannis Normal School in the summer of 1920, Harvard University, summer of 1926, and received her B.R.E. from the Hartford School of Religious Education in 1929. Following her service in Christian education in the Philippines, Miss Towne returned to Hartford and secured her M.A. in Religious Education from the Hartford Seminary Foundation in 1936. During part of her seminary days she assisted the late Dean Rockwell Harmon Potter in his office.

In the Philippines Alice Towne was on the staff of the Divinity School (then Bible School) of Silliman University in Dumaguete City. This overseas experience gave a new dimension to her ministry in churches at home, and with the New York City Mission Society. She served as director of religious education at the Willimantic Congregational Church in Connecticut (1936-42), and at the Central Baptist Church in Norwich (1942-44). From 1944 to 1966 Miss Towne was on the field staff of the New York City Mission Society, in charge of the Williamsburgh Larger Parish and of student workers. Her twenty-two year service here in several capacities was characterized as effective and selfless. Her contribution to the scholarship program was of special significance. Following her retirement in 1966 she was happily directing the religious education program at the Nuuanu Congregational Church in Honolulu when pneumonia and after effects precipitated her return home in early 1969. She did not recover after lung surgery.

A keen, able, outgoing person, her circle of friends and associates covered a wide area. Miss Towne was a valued member of the Broadway United Church of Christ.

Miss Grace Marion Breck of Canby, Oregon, a former missionary of the Board in North China for sixteen years (1917-1933) and a veteran of civil service work in Washington, D.C., died on July 15, 1969 at the Willamette Falls hospital in Oregon City, ten days after her 84th birthday.

Oldest of five sisters, Grace Breck was born in Vineland, New Jersey, on July 5, 1885. She attended the local high school (1901), the State Normal School in Trenton, N.J. (1903), Pierce Business School in Philadelphia (1907), and the University of Oregon, securing her B.A. in 1925 in the midst of her missionary service.

Before she went to China under the Woman's Board of Missions, Miss Breck taught for three years and had nine years' experience in office work, first as secretary to the

editor of the Sunday School Times, then as associate editor. The major portion of her educational and evangelistic work in China was in Paoting-fu, but she also served in Tehchow and Lintsing.

Keen was her disappointment when health prevented her return to the field, but she qualified for a civil service position and spent eighteen years in Washington, D.C., during the depression-war-postwar years. Upon retirement in 1955 she returned to Portland to make a home with her sisters and continued in office work on a part-time basis, contributing her varied experience to a children's welfare program in connection with the Albertine-Kerr nursery. In 1962 she joined her only surviving sister, Mrs. Merton G. Ellis in her "Ellis Pansy Gardens" home in Canby, and spent her final years in a spot of beauty, color and spaciousness.

Grace Breck came of a family to whom religion was a very vital part of life, and she expressed it in happy, spontaneous relationships with young and old. She was not only a beloved "Aunt Grace" to her nephews and nieces, but to seventeen great "grands" and to young folk in China and elsewhere. Three ministers officiated at a beautiful memorial service held on July 18th at the Ross Hollywood Chapel in Canby.

Guy Albin Thelin of Hoven, South Dakota, a missionary specialist in vocational and agricultural education in China and the Philippines for 40 years (1924-1964), died on July 27, 1969 at the hospital in nearby Gettysburg (Potter County) where he was born 74 years earlier, on June 18, 1895.

Guy Thelin received his education at Sioux Falls College (1913), South Dakota State Agricultural College (B.S. 1920), and at Massachusetts State Agricultural College (M.S. 1931), briefly attending also Biblical Seminary in New York, and Cornell University for a special course for rural missionaries.

Before Mr. Thelin joined the Foochow Mission in 1924 he served in the United States Army for a year while attending South Dakota State, taught for three years at the University of Massachusetts, and was engaged in a government agricultural extension work for a year. In Foochow City he was assigned to Union High School for boys as a teacher, and here for a quarter of a century he tried to develop in his boys an awareness of the needs of rural China and helped train them in the science of agriculture and rural life. He derived great satisfaction in seeing that the farmer's produce doubled or tripled due to his new knowledge. In the post-war period he served for a year as acting assistant general secretary of the Mid-Fukien Synod, thus having a direct hand in the affairs of the Church of Christ in China.

Mrs. Thelin went to Foochow as Betty Cushman in 1925, a year after he did, and was a teacher of English and music at the Wenshan School for girls. He met her boat on arrival. During a full term for each no "merger" took place, but they were married in June of 1931 in Central Falls, Rhode Island, toward the close of their first furlough. From then on all was in partnership in China and in the Philippines, although existing conditions imposed long separations and other hardships on them more than once. During World War II a journey alone for Mr. Thelin from China to New York City, via India and cargo vessel, took five months.

Unable to continue in China, the Thelins accepted transfer to the Philippines as of 1952 and threw themselves with enthusiasm and creativity into their new responsibilities. Assigned, first, to Southern Christian College in Misayap, they contributed greatly to the morale and development of the institution which had the potential but not the facilities. Mr. Thelin added courses in home economics and agriculture, and gradually it became a center of a growing extension program with assistance from World Neighbors, Inc. During their final term at Dansalan Junior College in Marawi City on Lake Lanao, he set up similar agricultural and vocational training facilities and supervised a much needed plant and buildings development program. Throughout their service loyal, enthu-

siastic and intelligent leadership marked their undertakings.

On March 14, 1960 Mr. Thelin was awarded a Certificate of Distinguished Service by the Board of Directors of Agricultural Missions, Inc., New York City. The citation was addressed to him as "a pioneer in agricultural education in China, and (now) in the Philippines, extension worker among farm people, apostle of soil conservation, and rural churchman . . ."

Their two sons, Mark Cushman and Robert Benjamin, were born in China. Both, together with their wives, are now serving as career missionaries. Mark is chairman of the sociology department at Tunghai University in Taichung, Taiwan; Robert, following in the agricultural footsteps of his father, is serving in Chereponi, Ghana.

Mark was able to attend the service for his father in Gettysburg on July 31, a memorable one for the family and their friends. He returned to Taiwan via Ghana to share with his brother Bob the experiences of the final July days with moving tributes and comforting messages from overseas and from across the country.

Josephine Russell Eddy of Newtonville, Massachusetts, wife of the late Reverend Dr. D. Brewer Eddy, and long active in church and community affairs, died quietly at her home on August 13, 1969 at the age of 87. Dr. Eddy, an executive of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions for thirty-five years as corresponding secretary, died in 1946.

Daughter of Judge and Mrs. Horace Russell, Josephine Eddy was born in New York City and was married here, too, in 1906 to Brewer Eddy, then the young minister of Trinity Church in East Orange, New Jersey. Five children were born to them, three sons and two daughters. They grew up in the best traditions of a Christian home and early learned of internationalism in the two ever hospitable Eddy homes in Newtonville and Falmouth, where many missionaries and nationals from around the world found welcome, rest and refreshment. A tall, statuesque woman, Mrs. Eddy presided over her home with great poise, charm and warmth.

During nearly sixty years of membership in the Central Congregational Church of Newtonville, she participated in all areas of its life and was generous with her time, abilities and giving. She was president of the women's association for ten years. Her other wide-ranging activities included the Home Missionary Society, the City Missionary Society, the Newton-Wellesley Hospital Aide group, the Red Cross, as a transportation worker, and the Continuation Club of the Woman's Board of Missions.

The "loved missionaries" and perhaps her most significant contribution was made through her commitment to the management and maintenance of the Walker Missionary Homes and cottages in Auburndale. For fifty years she was a member of the Board of Managers of the Walker Homes and served as its treasurer, faithfully watching over the funds and their best use. She also served as assistant treasurer of the Walker Board of Trustees. She sought new friends and support for the Homes, wrote countless letters on its behalf, and quietly gave other personal help. One of the cottages on the compound bears the Eddy name. Her interest in the Walker Homes was a unique chapter in total involvement; her dedication to its happy functioning and maintenance knew no wearing edges -- it lasted a life time. In 1960 the Board of Managers honored her at a special meeting of recognition.

The memorial service was held on October 2nd at Central Congregational Church in Newtonville, with the Rev. Robert J. Harding, minister, officiating. Many missionaries and members of the Board staff in the area attended. Mr. John F. Fairfield represented the New York staff.

Miss Martha Wiley of Claremont, California, and Yakima, Washington, in educational and evangelistic work in Foochow, China (and in Shaowu briefly) for 41 years (1900-1916, 1919-1944), died at the McCabe Rest home in Claremont on August 21, 1969. She was 95.

Born on February 22, 1874 in a log cabin in Yakima, to parents who pioneered in the northwest territory, Martha Wiley attended Washington State University, obtaining a Bachelor of Pedagogy in 1895, and Whitman College in Walla Walla, receiving her B.A. in 1898, and M.A. in 1909 during her first furlough. Her research studies were on the early pioneers of Central Washington State.

Miss Wiley began her educational service in Foochow in 1900 as a teacher of mathematics at the Boys' High School, which later became Foochow College. In time she added English and Bible classes to her teaching schedule. At the time of the Chinese revolution and the overthrow of the Manchu government in 1911, she did a great deal of relief work among Manchu women and children in the East Gate area of Foochow. Later on, with her colleague, the late Emily Hartwell, she started a Women's Bible Training Center in Foochow, and was its able and forwardlooking principal for many years. In later years she emphasized Christian education and evangelism more and more among her students and the women of the area.

World War II caught Miss Wiley in China. Instead of returning to America, she made her home in Foochow with the Donald Hsuehs -- one of her former "boys," who was then principal of Foochow College. During the Japanese occupation when the Christian schools had to evacuate to Shaowu in the northwest part of Fukien province, she went with Mr. and Mrs. Hsueh. In 1944 when the U.S. Embassy ordered all Americans to leave Shaowu, Martha Wiley retired on the field instead, and stayed on until 1947.

She became a resident of Pilgrim Place in 1953 and remained active and alert to the end. With her keen sense of humor and her buoyant outlook she endeared herself to all.

Dr. Holland F. Burr conducted the memorial service on September 5 at Kingman Chapel, Claremont UCC, assisted by the Rev. William H. Topping, a missionary associate, and the Rev. Clayton Hwang. Mr. Hwang spoke the words of appreciation on behalf of all her beloved Chinese boys and girls. The interment service was on August 26 in Yakima.

Vincent Edward Wagner, M.D., of Sacramento, California, a former medical missionary of the Board in North China from 1929 to 1935 with his wife Dr. Grace St.Clair Wagner, died in Sacramento on September 14, 1969 after a short illness. He was 68.

Son of a doctor, Vincent Wagner was born in San Jose, California on July 29, 1901 and attended the University of Southern California, receiving his B.A. in 1923, and his M.D. from the USC Medical School in 1927. His wife also received her M.D. from the same institution in 1927. Dr. Wagner interned and was resident physician at the San Francisco hospital until 1929.

The Wagners went to China in 1929 and after a year of language study in Peking served in the Taiku Hospital for a term. Here, Dr. Grace had the care of their three small childre also, two sons and a daughter. Their son, Roy S., is now in the medical profession.

Upon their return from China Dr. Vincent and Dr. Grace practiced in LaVerne, San Dimas and Pomona until 1942, with joint offices in the three communities. During World War II Dr. Wagner was a medical officer in the U.S. Navy and received recognition for his effort to establish a military government hospital for the care of civilian refugees in Okinawa. Following his retirement from the Navy (1958) he continued practice in the Oakland area.

The memorial service was held at the Pioneer Congregational Church in Sacramento on September 17th, with the Rev. Robert Carlson officiating.